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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6167**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1011

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 9, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Public Mass Transportation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Torr

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Patricia Miller

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill provides that certain counties in central Indiana may not enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement under which all of those counties participate in or are eligible to participate in a joint district or entity to provide public transportation services throughout those counties. It specifies that this provision expires on March 15, 2014.

The bill also provides that certain counties in central Indiana and municipalities in those counties may not establish a new regional transportation authority or become a member of an existing regional transportation authority. It specifies that this provision expires on March 15, 2014.

The bill establishes the Central Indiana Transit Study Committee (Committee). The bill requires the Committee to report to the Legislative Council before December 15, 2013, concerning specified transportation issues.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill establishes a 16-member study committee consisting of 16 legislators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the House. The Committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

The Committee is to:

- (1) Identify diverse potential funding sources for bus and bus rapid transit;
- (2) Study all existing funding sources and expenditures concerning bus transit in central Indiana;
- (3) Study the use of the Public Mass Transportation Fund;
- (4) Study the ridership numbers of the public transportation corporations serving Marion County. These include the Speedway Public Transportation Corporation and the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo);
- (5) Study ways to improve bus service in central Indiana, including improvements to the types of buses used and whether bus routes should be changed;
- (6) Study the extent to which bus transit systems can be supported by the users of bus transit systems;
- (7) Study the feasibility of entering public-private partnerships to expand bus transit;
- (8) Study whether tax credits for employers and employees who use bus transit will expand the ridership of bus transit systems;
- (9) Study the feasibility of light rail transportation, routes of light rail, and potential funding sources for, and impacts of providing, light rail transportation;
- (10) Identify ways in which private enterprise may provide transportation options in central Indiana;
- (11) Study the feasibility of using public-private partnerships for purposes of public transportation;
- (12) Study the issue of whether a referendum should be used in the process of establishing a transit district and, if a referendum should be used in the process, when the referendum should occur, and make recommendations to the General Assembly on these issues, which may not include a recommendation for the holding of referendum before November 2014;
- (13) Study other issues associated with bus transit and light rail as determined by the Committee.

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill precludes ten counties from entering into interlocal cooperation agreements under which all of the counties participate in or are eligible to participate in a joint district or entity to provide public transportation services throughout those counties. The bill also provides that certain counties in central Indiana and municipalities in those counties may not establish a new regional transportation authority or become a member of an existing regional transportation authority. It specifies that this provision expires on March 15, 2014.

The bill does not prohibit interlocal cooperation agreement to provide transportation services that were existing prior to passage of the bill for the affected counties. Affected counties include:

- (1) Boone County;
- (2) Delaware County;
- (3) Hamilton County;
- (4) Hancock County;
- (5) Hendricks County;
- (6) Johnson County;
- (7) Madison County;
- (8) Marion County;
- (9) Morgan County;
- (10) Shelby County.

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Boone, Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby Counties.

**Information Sources:**

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